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Utah Students Invited to Enter National Radon Poster Contest

Students, Parents, and Teachers Can Win Washington, D.C. Trip

(Salt Lake City, Utah) – Utah students have an opportunity to be creative when it comes to spotlighting the dangers of indoor radon, an invisible and odorless radioactive gas, by entering a poster in a national contest that could win them a trip to Washington, D.C.

Last year, Rachel Pinnock, a seventh-grade student from Olympus Junior High School, won third-place in the nation for her poster depicting a houseful of ghosts. She, along with her mother and teacher, received an all-expenses paid trip to the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The National Safety Council, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is once again sponsoring a Radon Poster Contest for children ages 9-14 enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense or home school. Members of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting organization, 4-H, or art, computer, and science club are eligible. There is no entry fee, and only one entry per student is allowed. The entry deadline is **October 15, 2007**.

Poster topics must include one of the following themes:

- What is radon?
- Where does radon come from?
- How does radon get inside our homes?
- Radon can cause lung cancer!
- Test your home for radon!

Statewide winners and runners-up in each category will be entered in the national contest. The winning posters will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. during National Radon Awareness Month, January 2008, and will be reproduced and distributed nationally.

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The national winner, a parent and a teacher or sponsoring organization's representative, will receive a free trip to D.C. to participate in the ceremony.

"Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, second only to smoking," said John Hultquist, radon program manager with the Division of Radiation Control. "Testing for radon in homes and schools is the only way to find out if a radon problem exists."

To find out how to enter, visit, www.nsc.org/issues/radon. For more information about radon, see www.radon.utah.gov or www.epa.gov/radon.

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